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Mayor Healy Introduces a Recreation Master Plan for the Revitalization of Jersey City Parks 10-Year Plan is first of its kind in Recent Memory

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy presented the **Municipal Council** this week with the administration's **Open Space and Recreation Master Plan**, a 10-year plan that calls for the revitalization of parks throughout the city and the creation of nearly 100 acres of new open space.

"The main focus of this plan is to rehabilitate and to really restore all of these pocket parks throughout the city that have been neglected for years," **Mayor Healy** said. "This will result in better use of the parks by our families and youngsters."

Developed by T&M Associates, the plan calls for new parks, new pedestrian walkways along both the Hudson and Hackensack rivers and a marina with 250 boat slips and a fishing pier.

Development of the plan, which cost approximately \$250,000, was done over the course of two years with extensive community input. Public meetings were held in each ward where residents were given the opportunity to voice their opinions and give their input.

The main goal of the plan is to improve parks and recreation facilities and to also add new park space, such as Berry Lane Park and Reservoir 3 in the heights.

Some of the plan's other recommendations include rehabilitating existing recreation facilities, building new recreation facilities to meet public needs, acquiring and developing additional open space to create new parks, prioritizing the improvements over a 10 year period on a ward by ward basis, and working closely with private developers to construct new parks and recreation areas.

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The Mayor also pointed out that this is a “living document” and that the city will routinely look to the public for input as it fine tunes specific park improvements.

“We have created this plan as a tool to guide park rehabilitation and park planning for the next ten years, and expect that community involvement will continue to play a large role in this process,” **Mayor Healy** said. “It is part of our plan to improve at least one park in every ward every year for the next ten years.”

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